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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed 5 May 2008. The Examiner set a three-month period for response, making the due date for reply 5 August 2008. Submitted concurrently herewith and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for a three-month extension, making the due date for response, 5 November 2008.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the amendments which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.